

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-13 remain in this application, claims 2 and 6 are canceled, and new claims 14-17 are added. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Currently amended claim 1 incorporates limitations previously appearing in now-canceled claim 2 as well as certain other changes. Currently amended claim 9, directed to a vehicle dashboard assembly, incorporates language which is essentially the same as currently amended claim 1.

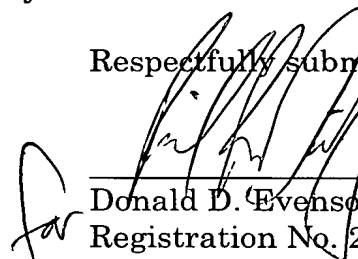
Independent claims 1 and 9 are rejected, along with certain dependent claims, as anticipated by published European Patent Application 0 675 019 A1 to Anerdi. Independent claims 1 and 9 are also rejected, along with dependent claims 2-8 and 10-13, as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,448,893 to Dobberkau et al. in view of the Anerdi publication. Reconsideration of these rejections is requested. It is respectfully submitted that neither the Anerdi publication nor the Dobberkau et al. patent suggests the combination of a swiveling movement and a lifting movement for bringing a display unit from an inoperative position into an operational position as both claim 1 and claim 9 particularly define. A center arrangement of such a display unit between the driver and the front passenger has an advantage in that the display unit can be read by both the driver and the front passenger without additional swiveling. The Anerdi publication discloses swiveling video screen movement, but does not suggest a swiveling movement accompanied by a lifting and subsequent lowering movement of a display as claims 1 and 9 now require. The Dobberkau et al. patent discloses a video screen which can be swiveled in a viewer's direction for

better viewing, but similarly, does not suggest a swiveling movement accompanied by a lifting and subsequent lowering display movement as claims 1 and 9 now define. The Anerdi publication does not disclose, and the Anerdi publication and Dobberkau et al. patent, taken as a whole, do not suggest, the subject matter defined by claim 1 or claim 9, and claims 1 and 9 are patentable. The rest of the claims remaining in and added to this application are dependent claims and are patentable as well.

This application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions after considering this Reply, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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